

Moving on to the Nati Awards, schools spent several months creating their entries based on the predetermined theme, **Te Momo Nati-Nati by Nature** with entries submitted in Te Reo Maori, English or a combination of both. Junior and senior students compete for 20 Nati Awards in the following

categories: Graphic Animation, Clay Animation, Website, Graphic Design Poster, Digital Photo, Advertisement, Fiction Film, Non Fiction Film (documentary), Music Video and Original Music Composition. It must be said each year the level of interest and attendance at Uepohatu is extremely high, this year was no different. The evening's festivities were humorously conducted by Victor Walker and Cushla Tangaere and the crowd were also entertained with live performances by four of the original music composition entries. Special mention should be made of Turoa Kohatu from Mata School, who gave a solo performance of 'Proud to be Nati' and won not only the Nati Award for Best Junior Original Music Composition but the hearts of the audience as well.

At the end of the evening four supreme awards were given out which recognise excellence. These awards are all named after prominent Ngati Porou tipuna.

- Ponapatukia – Best Use of Te Reo
- Whakaarakura – Winner Junior ICT Challenge
- Whakaatakura – Winner Senior ICT Challenge
- Roro – Best Junior School Overall
- Te Rangitawaea – Best Senior School Overall

A full table of results can be found at the end of this article.

This years Te Rangitawaea Festival and Nati Awards provided the opportunity for, E Tipu E Rea, Ngati Porou East Coast schools



Pae o te Riri Junior ICT Team Challenge Winners and Geoff Milner.



Hatea Rangi ICT Team Challenge.



Tamati & Tilly Reedy look on at Rerekohu ICT Team Challenge.

and communities to farewell the Secretary for Education Howard Fancy. Nori Parata presented him with a carved taonga called 'Paikaea' on behalf of the Ngati Porou East Coast School principals and a series of 3 paintings called 'Te Ao Hurihuri', was presented to him by the Runanga.

In Howard's own words he said " that the greatest gift was the confidence, enthusiasm and accomplishment demonstrated by the students, I can recall the students of nine years ago, and now look at the students of today, and know that we have all come along way. What is more exciting is imagining what the students in nine years time will be like.."

Ngati Porou salutes you Howard Fancy, for having the foresight to know that we had the solutions to our own education challenges and all we required from the Ministry of Education was a commitment to 'real partnership'.



Principal, Nori Parata presents farewell gift to Howard Fancy, MOE Secretary.

RESULTS - Supreme Awards

Whakaarakura	(Junior ICT Team Challenge)	Pae-o-te-Riri
Whakaatakura	(Senior ICT Team Challenge)	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
Ponapatukia	(Best use of Te Reo in Film)	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
Roro	(Best Junior School Overall)	Pae-o-te-Riri
Te Rangitawaea	(Best Senior School Overall)	Tolaga Bay Area School

Category	Junior Winner	Senior Winner
Graphic Animation	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
Clay Animation	Tolaga Bay Area School	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
Website	Pae-o-te-Riri	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou
Graphic Poster	Kuranui	Tolaga Bay Area School
Digital Photo	TKKM o Te Waiu o Ngati Porou	TKKM o Kawakawa mai Tawhiti
Advertisement	Pae-o-te-Riri	Tolaga Bay Area School
Film Fiction	TKKM o Nga Taonga Tuturu ki Tokomaru	Tolaga Bay Area School
Film Non Fiction	Pae-o-te-Riri	Tolaga Bay Area School
Original Music	Mata School	Ngata College
Music Video	TKKM o Taperenui a Whatonga	Tolaga Bay Area School